

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A waveguide-type dielectric filter comprising a dielectric block elongated along a longitudinal axis, a plurality of resonators formed in said dielectric block and sequentially located one after another along the longitudinal axis, and a coupling portion for adjustably coupling ~~the~~ adjacent resonators to each other,

wherein said elongated dielectric block includes a pair of dielectric substrates which are ~~divided in the arranging direction of said resonators~~ elongated parallel to the longitudinal axis and are joined together through respective joint surfaces thereof extending parallel to said longitudinal axis, and

wherein the coupling portion for adjustably coupling adjacent resonators to each other comprises a slot formed in a joint surface of at least one of said ~~joint surfaces to provide said coupling portion between the adjacent resonators~~ pair of dielectric substrates; and

wherein said slot has its inner surface covered by a conductive film.

2. (currently amended) The waveguide-type dielectric filter as defined in claim 1, wherein said slot is formed in a joint surface of each of said ~~joint surfaces~~ pair of dielectric substrates.

3. (currently amended) The waveguide-type dielectric filter as defined in claim 2, wherein said slot is formed in ~~each of said joint surfaces~~ a joint surface of each of said pair of dielectric substrates in a symmetrical arrangement.

4. (currently amended) The waveguide-type dielectric filter as defined in claim 1, wherein said slot is formed in a joint surface of only one of said ~~joint surfaces~~ pair of dielectric substrates.

5. (currently amended) The waveguide-type dielectric filter as defined in claim 4, wherein whichever one of said pair of dielectric substrates has said slot formed in only its joint surface ~~said dielectric substrate having the joint surface formed with said slot~~ has a width greater than that of the other dielectric substrate.

6. (currently amended) The waveguide-type dielectric filter as defined in claim 1, ~~which~~ further comprising ~~includes~~ input and output sections at opposed ends of the dielectric filter, and wherein the coupling portion for adjustably coupling adjacent resonators to each other comprises a conductive film formed between said joint surfaces ~~to provide a coupling portion of said input or output section.~~

7. (new) The waveguide-type dielectric filter as defined in claim 1, wherein said dielectric block has spaced opposing relatively broad sides and spaced relatively narrow sides bridging said relatively broad sides, said joint surfaces of said pair of dielectric substrates extending in a plane lying perpendicular to said two relatively broad sides.

8. (new) The waveguide-type dielectric filter as defined in claim 1, wherein said conductive film covers an entire outer surface of said dielectric block except for said input and output sections.